

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE**  
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S. LESTER RALPH  
MAYOR

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Tonight we stand here for the third time to renew a commitment of leadership to this city.

Four years ago the oddsmakers were predicting that neither I nor the city would survive, and the evening provided a fitting backdrop for the mood as police saturated the hall to determine whether a bomb threat was for real.

Two years ago I sensed a feeling more or less that the civil war between past and present was ended and the period of reconstruction would endure.

Tonight, after four years of unparalleled progress I believe there are now few who doubt that Somerville has had a new birth of progress and hope. In fact, one is tempted to wonder whether or not Somerville will be capable of holding America together; for it seems that with our city's new day of promise our nation as a whole has aged for the worse. Where we had worked here to restore public trust, that public trust has been so abused in higher levels of government, some of the taint of public cynicism will undoubtedly fall on here too.

I recollect my parents' generation was concerned about private morality and were less critical of public figures; I observe that our generation, having given up any great concern about private morality, is being more demanding of its' public figures. I believe that neither the naivete of the one nor the hypocrisy of the other is going to strengthen the spirit of America. The times make it too easy to criticize others while allowing our own faults to increase.

In any event, the times are not too propitious for the faint-hearted; the drag towards withdrawal and cynicism are powerful indeed, as powerful as after the tragic assassinations of some of our greatest leaders of the 1960's. We must guard against these inclinations, for they do nothing for the human spirit and only play into the hands of worsening the situation. Rather we shall do well to keep our eye steadfast on the goals of improving the conditions and the quality of life where we are, and while we are here.

Somerville has come a long way in the past few years—because it was possible, and because the people were determined that it be so. From what port do we embark tonight? Let us briefly describe it: *we* are the All America City; we have advanced the quality of our school buildings by decades; we have moved from having the second highest tax rate in the Commonwealth to having one of the more attractive tax pictures around; new human services are being provided, and public works projects have multiplied and improved. I believe it to be a fitting symbol that we have gathered here tonight in this lovely auditorium which four years ago would not have appealed to any local warehouseman.

Virtually every leader of every city department and agency has been changed in the past four years. In most respects a new generation is having an opportunity to leave its imprint, and I would like to hope that this new generation is not cut entirely from the same cloth as the last: I would like to believe, and I do believe, there is a more expansive spirit now, a greater capacity to dare new programs, to explore new paths, and to respect from whence we have come without fearing to move on.

This is the backdrop of our port of embarkation. Where now shall we go?

1. First of all, I do not expect this to be a terribly painful year in terms of real estate taxes. However, new cost added by state legislation, inflation, labor costs and a host of other areas can still certainly dim this prospect. We shall make every effort to provide public services as economically as possible; and over the short term I feel reasonably optimistic.

2. We have begun a court-ordered reassessment of all real estate in the city. This has important consequences for us all. It has always been evident that there have been mounting tax inequities in this city, and that some people benefit at the expense of others. Since the city was unwilling to put its own house in order, the courts have intervened. In my judgment the court solution is not the proper solution, simply because equal assessments do not mean fair assessments. There are two courses which we must follow if we are to protect ourselves:

a. I have filed legislation with the support of many others to amend our state constitution, so that different *types* of property may be taxed differently. It is unfair that *two similar homes* be assessed *differently*; it is just as unfair that *a home and a business* be assessed *equally*. I ask each one of you to make yourself heard on this issue this year.

b. Secondly, state distributions to local communities are based in large part on tax rates. If we adjust our tax rate downward based on full valuation, then other cities such as Boston, Cambridge, Everett and a host of others will receive more from the State because they have *not* complied with the law, while we shall receive less because we *have* complied with the law. I therefore urge taxpayer litigation to establish a uniform effective date when each and every city will have reassessed its property, and until all have done so, I urge that we withhold implementing our own reassessment. Let us keep clearly in mind that the only function of reassessment is to eliminate unfairness, not to oppress our own people.

3. Five years ago, in 1968, there were 425 building permits issued in Somerville; in 1973 there were 701 building permits issued, — an increase of over 60%. This indicates one thing loud and clear: the people of Somerville have confidence in the future of the city and they are investing their hard-earned money in improving the city. We shall do all we can to continue this confidence by the people.

In relation to this, rent control has been in effect here for three years now, and it has accomplished many good things: driving out

real estate speculators who only allow property to run down; encouraging physical improvements in property, and protecting thousands of tenants from unscrupulous rent increases. However, rent control has also held back many improvements, and has caused certain properties in the city to deteriorate and become tenanted by the type of transients who are not interested in people or property. I am not at the point of saying that rent control should simply be abolished, but I believe corrective legislation is now in order to encourage more rehabilitation of old buildings and to make it less and less beneficial to any property owner to allow his property to deteriorate. The rent control law must now have as a primary goal the *improvement of property*, for to perpetuate low rents as a goal by itself is to create blight and decay which we cannot tolerate. Unless some such action is taken, the cure will have been as bad as the illness.

4. By the end of this term, meaning from 1970 through 1975, one-half of all the schools in Somerville will have been replaced, and the remaining schools will have been significantly rehabilitated to provide an atmosphere to stimulate our children's minds and spirits to the joy and beauty of learning.

5. Three years ago a former alderman complained that replacing an underground water main was politically stupid, because who would see it? This was the same mentality which periodically slapped paint on walls without repairing leaks in the roofs, because nobody noticed a fixed roof, but they could see the paint for a few months. We reject this attitude and have taken the longer view that what we do we want to abide and not have to be repeatedly done over.

Shortly, we shall have completed an extensive study of the city's water and sewer systems, and we shall commence the restoration of these systems. We know at present that both systems are over a hundred years old, that they were not constructed to last for the ages or with the great demands of such a great urban population, and that each year they are more costly to maintain and less adequate in service.



6. By the end of this term most of our public parks will be green again, with trees, shrubs, adequate lighting and athletic facilities. We shall have lined more and more of our streets with trees to restore a sense of beauty, charm and serenity away from the massive black apron of tar which suffocates both the beauty of nature and appeal for the human spirit.

7. Other matters which will develop in coming months, and about which I shall comment in more detail at a later time, include the redevelopment of Washington Street into one of the city's finest areas, the implementation of a new city-wide traffic pattern, a new subway station in Davis Square, the construction of a new central fire station and the increasingly improved quantity and quality of services to our young people and our senior citizens.

There is much more, of course, because the city is indeed embarked on a period of growth and creativity.

How will it all turn out? Of this we cannot be certain. As presumptuous as it may seem, I am more confident of the health of this city than I am of the nation at the present time. After our inauguration four years ago in Somerville there was an editorial entitled "Will the Patient Take the Cure?" The response has been unequivocally in the affirmative. Something which I sensed then, however, was that Somerville wanted to be different in a better way. As a nation at this time the continuing revelations of deceit, duplicity, vengeance, fear and tugging at the basic fabric of our society must cause us to wonder whether or not good and bad people together are in the process of bringing down the curtain on our way of life. Ironically, as achievements here in Somerville have led to vastly *higher* expectations for the future, commentators on the national scene are now writing about the *declining* expectations of Americans.

But, we here are, after all, a part of the larger scene, part of the Commonwealth, part of the nation and brothers of all mankind. Let us be heard everywhere affirming that the worst in us can be excoriated without destroying the best, that we can face our

weaknesses because we are certain of more basic strengths within ourselves, and that the true glory in our past is because its promise for the future makes this and every moment of life the most exciting time to be alive.

For us as a people the times are such that require the very best *in* us, the very best *from* us, because the very best that has been given *to* us now needs our help. Part of our coming of age as a city depends now on our capacity to respond to the larger needs of the world's life.

We dedicate ourselves tonight to the conviction that neither our city nor our nation is at the end of its glory, but rather that we are charged with the sustaining of that glory for our time and for ages to come.



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

July 1, 1974

To the Honorable,  
The Mayor  
and the Board of Aldermen  
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

The following report is respectfully submitted as the Annual Report of the Board of Assessors for the year ending June 30, 1974.

### CITY OF SOMERVILLE 1973-1974a RECAPITULATION

#### A. CITY—All appropriations since 1972 Tax Rate fixed:

1. Total to be raised by taxation \$40,767,685.66
2. Total appropriations to be taken from

Available Funds:

a. in 1973	\$1,867,371.74	\$2,252,596.06	\$43,020,281.72
b. in 1972	<u>385,224.32</u>	2,252,596.06	43,020,281.72

#### 3. Deficits due to abatements in excess of overlay of prior years.

a. in 1962	\$ 481.00	f. in 1967	243,253.12	
b. in 1963	3,253.80	g. in 1968	256,756.54	
c. in 1964	189,277.48	h. in 1969	308,156.41	
d. in 1965	203,915.84	i. in 1970	350,748.82	
e. in 1966	211,681.23	j. in 1971	436,178.29	
		k. in 1972	88,129.47	2,291,832.00

#### Offsets to Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts:

School Lunch Program	105,193.44	
Free Public Libraries	66,584.26	231,777.70
Youth Ser. Br. Delinquency Prevention	<u>60,000.00</u>	
Revenue Deficit		
Retirement - Chap 33 Mass. Gen. Laws		80,569.25

## B . TAX AND ASSESSMENTS

	1973	1972
	Estimates	Underestimates
1. County Tax	\$2,097,874.60	
2. County Hospital	106,179.13	
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	\$ 2,204,053.73	\$2,204,053.73

## C . STATE: TAX AND ASSESSMENTS

1. Audit of Municipal Accounts	\$ 28,055.22		
2. State Examination of Retirement System	1,080.00		
3. Metropolitan District Area	1,619,696.35	126,043.44	
4. Mass. Bay Trans. Authority	2,824,834.00		
5. Elderly Retiree Program	6,820.26		
6. Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	4,605.00		
7. Air Pollution	3,982.45		
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	\$ 4,489,073.28	\$126,043.44	\$ 4,615,116.72

## D . OVERLAY OF CURRENT YEAR

2,290,372.86  


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 6,905,489.58

## E . GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED

\$54,734,003.98

F . ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND  
AVAILABLE FUNDS:

1. 1973 Estimated Receipts as Certified by Commissioner on Cherry Sheet Item 6	9,624,780.52
2. Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	2,029,455.88
3. Licenses	219,322.54
4. Fines	245,155.51
5. Grants and Gifts	23,016.90
6. General Government	59,816.14
7. Protection of Persons and Property	15,140.10
8. Health & Sanitation	71,428.21
9. Highways	8,431.50
12. School Local Receipts	13,453.06
13. Libraries — Local Receipts	5,528.20
15. Public Service Enterprises Water Department	1,310,834.91
17. Interest on Taxes and Assoc.	247,416.72
21. Deposits	20,451.51
25. Overestimates of previous years to be used as available funds.	13,894,231.70
a. County Tax	58,064.43
b. State	105,769.17
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	163,833.60

26. Amounts voted to be taken from Available Funds	\$ 4,917,596.06
Total Available Funds	\$18,975,661.66

G . NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON PROPERTY	\$35,758,342.62
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H . TOTAL VALUATIONS AND TAXES LEVIED	Valuation	Tax Levy
1973 (Personal Property (Real Estate)	16,112,150.00 <u>122,809,150.00</u>	4,147,267.41 <u>31,611,075.21</u>
	138,921,300.00	35,758,342.62
1974 (Personal Property (Real Estate)	16,844,200.00 <u>123,124,100.00</u>	1,445,232.36 <u>10,564,047.78</u>
	139,968,300.00	12,009,280.14
1973 Tax Rate	\$171.60	
Total Tax Levied	\$35,758,342.62	
1974a Tax Rate	\$85.80	
Total Tax Levied	\$12,009,280.14	

The Board of Assessors wishes to thank the other departments for the cooperation extended during the year, particularly the Legal Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Champa, Chairman  
Gordon Faulkner  
Robert V. Campo  
Mary Tomeo  
William F. O'Neil, Jr.

## REPORT OF CITY CLERK

Office of the City Clerk  
January 1, 1975

To the Honorable,  
The Mayor and the  
Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen:

The following is respectfully submitted as the one hundred third Annual Report of the City Clerk of Somerville, and is for the year ending December 31, 1974.

The receipts and payments were as follows:

For dog licenses issued in 1974:

1906 males at \$3.00	\$ 5,718.00	
432 female at \$6.00	2,592.00	
892 spayed at \$3.00	2,676.00	
3 kennel at \$10.00	30.00	
1 kennel at \$25.00	25.00	
9 transfers at \$.25	2.25	
1 male (guide dog-free)	-----	
	-----	\$11,043.25

For hunting and fishing licenses issued in 1974:

756 fishing at \$8.25	\$ 6,237.00	
385 hunting at \$8.25	3,176.25	
175 sporting at \$13.50	2,362.50	
73 minor fishing at \$6.25	456.25	
5 resident alien fish. at \$11.25	56.25	
2 non-resident cit./alien at \$14.25 fish.	28.50	
6 duplicate at \$1.00	6.00	
111 waterfowl stamps at \$1.25	138.75	
14 archery stamps at \$5.10	71.40	
	-----	\$12,532.90

Recording mortgages, assignments, etc.	\$ 4,100.08	
Certificates of marriage intentions, including postage	3,867.08	
Furnishing copies of records	7,160.90	\$15,128.06
Licenses:		
auctioneers, 19 at \$2.00; 1 at \$10.00	48.00	
billiard, pool tables and bowling:		
39 licenses for 1 billiard table, 7 pool tables, 31 bowling alleys at \$3.00	117.00	
bus routes, 1 at \$10.00	10.00	
cut meat and sausage, 1 at \$50.00	50.00	
drivers, 85 at \$1.00	85.00	
stationary engines, 3 at \$1.00	3.00	
garage, 2 at \$5.00, 1 at \$10.00	20.00	
garage renewals	487.50	
hackney carriages, 27 at \$5.00, 104 at \$10.00	1,175.00	
junk and second hand licenses:		
collect junk, 4 at \$15.00	60.00	
junk shops, 16 at \$35.00	560.00	
lodging houses, 2 at \$2.00	4.00	
outdoor parking, 6 at \$10.00	60.00	
second hand auto dealer,		
43 at \$25.00		
7 at \$50.00	1,425.00	
slaughtering, 1 at \$1.00	\$1.00	
street musician, 4 at \$.50	2.00	
storage of explosives,		
1 at \$10.00		
6 at \$20.00		
2 at \$40.00		
1 at \$50.00		
1 at \$100.00	360.00	
storage of explosives renewals,	4,517.50	
taxi stand licenses,		
4 at \$5.00		
36 at \$10.00	380.00	
permits for projection over the sidewalk,		
8 illuminated signs		
1 electric sign		
3 plastic signs		

1 wooden sign		
2 metal signs		
<u>1</u> miscellaneous sign		
16 signs at \$5.00	80.00	
copies of ordinances	94.50	
copies of city charter	1.00	
fees reg. mail notices	42.47	
advertising	255.00	
duplicate dog license tags	8.30	
pole location	60.70	
gas mains	3.60	
blank forms	11.85	
raffle and bazaar permits	100.00	
municipal manuals	60.00	
badges	1.50	
refund for overcharge	<u>11.00</u>	
		\$25,222.98

PAYMENTS

To the City Treasurer for dog licenses in 1974:

1906 males at \$3.00	\$ 5,718.00	
432 females at \$6.00	2,592.00	
892 spayed at \$3.00	2,676.00	
3 kennel at \$10.00	30.00	
1 kennel at \$25.00	25.00	
9 transfers at \$.25	2.25	
1 male (guide dog-free)	-----	
	<u>\$11,043.25</u>	
less City Clerk's fees		
3234 at \$.35 (1131.90)		
9 transfers at \$.25 (2.25)	<u>-1,134.15</u>	\$ 9,909.10



To the Commissioners on Fisheries and Game for hunting licenses, etc.  
in 1974

756 fishing at \$8.25	\$ 6,237.00	
385 hunting at \$8.25	3,176.25	
175 sporting at \$13.50	2,362.50	
73 minor fishing at \$6.25	456.25	
5 res. alien fishing at \$11.25	56.25	
2 non-res. cit/alien fishing at \$14.25	28.50	
6 duplicates at \$1.00	6.00	
111 waterfowl stamps at \$1.25	138.75	
14 archery stamps at \$5.10	71.40	
	<u>\$12,532.90</u>	
less City Clerk's fees		
1507 at \$.25 (\$376.75)		
14 at \$.10 (\$1.40)	<u>-378.15</u>	\$12,154.75

To City Treasurer monthly:

All the receipts above specified except for hunting licenses and dog licenses	<u>\$25,222.98</u>	
	\$47,286.83	

## LICENSES AND PERMITS

Besides the licenses mentioned in the foregoing list of receipts, licenses and permits have been granted by the Board of Aldermen, without charge, as follows:

- Outdoor Concerts 1
- Parade with Music in Streets 2

## MARRIAGES — 1974

Number of intentions issued in 1974.....	915
Less than previous year.....	74
Number of marriages registered in 1974.....	966
Less than previous year.....	85
Both parties American.....	789
Both parties Foreign.....	78
American Bride and Foreign Groom.....	64
American Groom and Foreign Bride.....	<u>35</u>
Total.....	966
First marriage.....	1606
Second marriage.....	298
Third marriage.....	27
Fourth marriage.....	<u>1</u>
Total.....	1932
Total marriages for the year 1974.....	966 couples

## BIRTHS

Number of births in Somerville reported by Physicians for 1974

Males.....	1*
Females.....	1

## 1973

The following is a statement in full for the births for 1973

Number of births in Somerville for 1973.....	2
Females.....	2

Number of births in other places in 1973 registered.....	1070
	<u>1072</u>

Born of American Parents.....	716
Born of Foreign Parents.....	236
Born of American Father, Foreign Mother.....	56
Born of Foreign Father, American Mother.....	63
Born of American Mother, Father Unknown.....	1
Born of Foreign Mother, Father Unknown.....	<u>0</u>
	1072

Number of Twins.....	19
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\*Born at home

## DEATHS

Number of deaths in Somerville in 1974.....	1025
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Died in City.....	588
Died out of City.....	436
Stillborns.....	<u>1</u>
	1025

Males.....	480
Females.....	<u>545</u>
	1025

Age of the oldest person who died in Somerville.....	103
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# 566-67 was the last record figured in the annual report.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES

To the Honorable,  
The Mayor  
and the Board of Aldermen  
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

I herewith present the annual report of the City Treasurer and Collector of Taxes from January 1, 1974 thru June 30, 1974.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Hilliard  
City Treasurer  
and Collector of Taxes

### STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS JANUARY 1, thru JUNE 30, 1974

	Revenue Funds	Non-Revenue Funds	Totals
<b>Cash Balance</b>			
January 1, 1974	\$ 778,818.37	\$ 123,594.96	\$ 902,413.33
<b>Receipts</b>	<u>33,273,152.34</u>	<u>16,821,346.36</u>	<u>50,094,498.70</u>
	34,051,970.71	16,944,941.32	50,996,912.03

### DISBURSEMENTS

<b>Revenue</b>			
<b>Payments</b>	<u>\$31,073,080.94</u>	<u>\$15,610,716.38</u>	<u>\$46,683,797.32</u>
Cash on Hand			
June 30, 1974	<u>2,978,889.77</u>	<u>1,334,244.94</u>	<u>4,313,114.71</u>

## SPECIAL CASH ACCOUNT FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING

January 1, 1974	\$ 11,087.14
Receipts	1,079,624.00
Accrued Interest	<u>119,012.45</u>
	1,209,723.59
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<u>1,119,086.18</u>
Cash Balance June 30, 1974	\$90,637.41

## SCHEDULE OF TAX LIENS ASSESSMENT AND VALUATIONS

Assessed Valuation—1974 REAL AND PERSONAL	\$139,968,300
Equalized Valuation—1974 as determined by State Tax	
Commission	\$330,000.00
Motor Vehicle Valuation—1974 \$66.00 per \$1,000.	
Real Estate and Personal Property	
Tax Rate—1974 \$171.60 per \$1,000.	
Committed for Collection 1974	
<b>Real Estate Taxes</b>	<u>\$10,564,278.78</u>
<b>Personal Property Taxes—1974</b>	<u>1,445,232.36</u>
1974 Real and Personal Tax Levy	12,009,511.14
<b>Water Departmental Accounts</b>	
Committed for Collection in 1974	637,210.96
Other Departmental Accounts	
Committed for Collection in 1974	<u>79,677.74</u>
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT COMMITTED</b>	\$12,726,399.94
<b>County Tax Assessment for City in 1974</b>	\$ 725,597.10
County Hospital Assessment for City in 1972	<u>142,955.34</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS</b>	\$ 868,541.44

**MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES COMMITTED IN 1974**

Comm.	Date	Amount
#1	5-21-74	\$291,190.80
2	6-20-74	<u>296,423.46</u>
	Total	\$587,614.26

**1973 Excise Committed in 1974**

Comm.	Date	Amount
#	1-31-74	\$177,547.00
	3-1-74	55,900.00
	3-15-74	1,709.41
	3-20-74	62,755.98
	3-21-74	400.00
	6-11-74	<u>317.35</u>
	Total	\$298,629.74

**1972 Excise Committed in 1974**

Comm.	Date	Amount
#	3-4-74	\$ 179.58
	4-8-74	<u>6,437.04</u>
	Total	6,616.62

TOTALS \$892,860.62

**TEMPORARY LOANS IN ANTICIPATION  
OF REVENUE IN  
JANUARY — JUNE 1974**

Date of Note	Due Date	Rate	Amount
1-14-74	5-10-74	500M @ 4.75%	\$ 1,000,000.00
		500M @ 4.83%	
2-5-74	5-8-74	500M @ 4.48%	1,000,000.00
		500M @ 4.45%	



2-25-74	5-8-74	1,000,000. @ 3.90%	1,000,000.00
3-21-74	5-21-74	1,500,000. @ 3.87%	1,500,000.00
4-29-74	6-20-74	800M @ 3.94%	1,000,000.00
		200M @ 3.90%	
5-8-74	6-10-74	3,550,000. @ 4.85%	5,000,000.00
		250M @ 4.50%	
		100M @ 4.05%	
		100M @ 4.10%	
		250M @ 4.15%	
		250M @ 4.21%	
		500M @ 4.29%	
TOTAL			\$10,500,000.00

## BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES ISSUED JANUARY — JUNE 1974

### January 10, 1974

\$285,000.00 @ 5.25% Interest payable at maturity March 1, 1974 for  
     5,000.00 for SCHOOL PROJECT LOAN WARD I  
     10,000.00 for REMODELING BONDS  
 130,000.00 for SCHOOL PROJECT LOAN WARD IV  
     90,000.00 for SCHOOL PROJECT LOAN WARD II  
     10,000.00 for PAVEMENT BONDS  
     30,000.00 for PLANNING BONDS  
     10,000.00 for REMODELING BONDS

### January 18, 1974

\$35,000.00 @ 5.25% Interest payable at maturity March 1, 1974 for  
     15,000.00 for SEWER CONSTRUCTION  
     15,000.00 for SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION  
     5,000.00 for FEDERAL AID OPEN SPACE

### January 30, 1974

\$80,000.00 @ 5.25% Interest payable at maturity March 1, 1974 for  
     50,000.00 for CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT  
     20,000.00 for DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT  
     10,000.00 for WATER BONDS

## February 8, 1974

\$100,000.00 @ 5.10% Interest payable at maturity August 1, 1974 for  
 25,000.00 for CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT  
 10,000.00 for SCHOOL PROJECT LOAN WARD I  
 20,000.00 for DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT  
 5,000.00 for PLANNING BONDS: ENGINEERING SERVICES  
 FOR SEWERAGE SYSTEM  
 40,000.00 REMODELING JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL

## April 16, 1974

\$35,000.00 @ 5.25% Interest payable at maturity August 1, 1974 for  
 CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT: PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS TRUM FIELD

## May 14, 1974

\$80,000.00 @ 5.25% Interest payable at maturity August 1, 1974 for  
 CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT TRUM FIELD

**SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING FUNDED DEBT**  
**as of**  
**JUNE 30, 1974**

Description of Issue	Interest Rate	Date of Issue	Due Date	Amount Due
Elementary School Loan—1955	2.00%	1-1-55	1975	\$ 20,000.00
School Remodeling Loan—1969	5.60%	8-1-69	1983	540,000.00
School Remodeling Loan—1971	5.25%	2-1-73	1975	50,000.00
PWD Incinerator Loan—1958-1959	3.10%	3-1-59	1977	325,000.00
Funding Loan—1971	5.60%	12-1-73	1986	6,298,000.00
Water Bonds—1974	5.00%	2-1-74	1980	85,000.00
Municipal Purpose Loan—1974	5.00%	2-1-74	1982	1,280,000.00
Capital Improvement Bonds—1974	5.00%	2-1-74	1981	150,000.00
TOTAL OF LOANS INSIDE DEBT LIMIT				\$ 8,748,000.00

**LOANS OUTSIDE STATUTORY DEBT LIMIT**

Elementary School Loan—1964	3.10%	10-1-64	1983	\$ 1,170,000.00
Elementary School Loan—Ward I	5.60%	9-1-70	1989	3,150,000.00
Elementary School Loan—Ward VII and Pope School Addition	5.25%	8-1-72	1991	4,450,000.00

Urban Renewal Loan—1969	5.60%	8-1-69	1986	690,000.00
School Project Loan—1974	5.50%	2-1-74	1994	<u>6,750,000.00</u>
TOTAL FUNDED DEBT				\$16,210,000.00

**PROJECTED ANNUAL FUNDED DEBT  
AND INTEREST PAYMENTS  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1974**

Year	Principal	Interest	Total Amount Due
1975	\$ 1,870,000.00	\$ 1,248,582.50	\$ 3,118,582.50
1976	1,820,000.00	1,153,417.50	2,973,417.50
1977	1,805,000.00	1,059,852.50	2,864,852.50
1978	1,625,000.00	966,287.50	2,591,287.50
1979	1,520,000.00	884,777.50	2,404,777.50
1980	1,445,000.00	807,360.00	2,252,360.00
1981	1,435,000.00	731,570.00	2,166,570.00
1982	1,390,000.00	657,155.00	2,047,155.00
1983	1,315,000.00	585,740.00	1,900,740.00
1984	1,200,000.00	516,200.00	1,716,200.00
1985	1,200,000.00	450,225.00	1,650,225.00
1986	1,180,000.00	385,250.00	1,564,250.00
1987	1,150,000.00	319,395.00	1,469,395.00
1988	1,150,000.00	256,220.00	1,406,220.00
1989	1,100,000.00	193,045.00	1,293,045.00
1990	950,000.00	132,760.00	1,082,760.00
1991	895,000.00	80,695.00	975,695.00
1992	350,000.00	31,625.00	381,625.00
1993	250,000.00	15,125.00	265,125.00
1994	<u>150,000.00</u>	<u>4,125.00</u>	<u>154,125.00</u>
Totals	\$23,800,000.00	\$10,478,407.50	\$34,278,407.50

## PROJECTED FUNDED DEBT AND INTEREST TO BE PAID IN 1974-1975

Month Due	Bond Amount	Interest on Bonds	Total Due
July	-----	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
August	475,000.00	376,065.00	851,065.00
September	200,000.00	92,462.50	292,462.50
October	130,000.00	18,985.00	148,985.00
November	-----	-----	-----
December	353,000.00	176,344.00	529,344.00
January	20,000.00	200.00	20,200.00
February	640,000.00	363,246.25	1,003,246.25
March	55,000.00	86,862.50	141,862.50
April	-----	16,955.00	16,955.00
May	-----	-----	-----
June	-----	166,460.00	166,460.00
Totals	<u>\$1,873,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,297,780.25</u>	<u>\$3,170,780.25</u>

**REPORT OF THE  
BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS**

March 1975

To the Honorable,  
the Mayor  
and the Board of Aldermen  
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

The Board of Election Commissioners respectfully submits the following report for the year 1974.

**REGISTRATION**

Before the State Primary in September registration was held in the office at City Hall beginning on January 2nd and continuing thru August 12, 1974 from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. every day except Saturday. Also on Thursday, August 1st, Friday, August 2nd, Monday, August 5th, Tuesday, August 6th, Wednesday, August 7th, Thursday, August 8th, Friday, August 9th, from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Saturday, August 10th from 12:00 Noon to 10:00 P.M. Last day of registration on Tuesday, August 13th from 8:30 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. at City Hall.

**OUTSIDE REGISTRATIONS WERE AS FOLLOWS:**

Thursday, August 1st.....	Fire Station, Union Square
Friday, August 2nd.....	Historical Society Bldg., Westwood Road
Monday, August 5th.....	East Somerville Community School, Glen Street
Tuesday, August 6th.....	Brown School, Willow Avenue
Wednesday, August 7th.....	College Avenue Library, 40 College Avenue
Thursday, August 8th.....	Forster School, Evergreen Avenue
Friday, August 9th.....	Cutler School, Powder House Boulevard

As of June 1, 1974 there were 37,952 names on the voting list. 1,179 names were added to the voting list as follows:

	Men	Women	Total
June 1 thru August 13	587	592	1,179

As of August 13, 1974 total voters were 39,131

After the State Primary, September 10, 1974 nine hundred and ninety-nine names were added to the Voting List from August 15th to October 8th, 1974 as follows:

	Men	Women	Total
August 15 thru October 8th	472	527	999

As of October 8, 1974 total voters were 40,173

## NOMINATION PAPERS

The Board of Election Commissioners received six hundred eighty-nine (689) Democratic nomination papers of which sixteen thousand eight hundred sixty-seven (16,867) names were certified. Twenty-seven (27) Republican nomination papers of which two hundred twenty-four (224) names were certified, and also two hundred ninety-one (291) Independent and other parties nomination papers of which three thousand six hundred thirty-four (3,634) names were certified.

The Board of Election Commissioners also certified one thousand five hundred thirty-seven (1,537) names of initiative petitions filed.

## JURORS

In accordance with Chapter 234 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 211 of the Acts of 1924, the Election Commissioners prepared a list of the inhabitants of Somerville, liable to serve as jurors.



The Board has established a system whereby each person provisionally selected for jury service, fills out a questionnaire and appears before the Board at the office and makes oath to the statements contained therein. This gives the Board an opportunity to meet each individual and note if any, his physical defects or disability to render the County the service that would be required from him as a juror. These personal examinations also enable the Board to know the educational qualifications of each prospective juror.

The jury list for the 1974, prepared by the Board contains the names of eight hundred seventy-eight (878) prospective jurors.

To the Honorable, the Mayor  
and the Board of Aldermen  
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

The Listing Board of the City of Somerville respectfully submits the following report for the year 1974.

Listing of males and females, seventeen years of age and upwards.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis X. Manning, Chairman

Earle E. Coke

Ida J. Donadio, Secretary

William George

Thomas J. O'Brien

Listing Board of the City of Somerville

# **NUMBER OF PERSONS LISTED**

Male 25,601

Female 30,186

Total 55,787

**NUMBER OF VOTERS**

Male 17,874

Female 21,641

Total 39,515

**ENROLLMENT OF VOTERS**Democratic  
27,267Republican  
2,547Unenrolled  
9,701Total  
39,515**NOTICES**

Notices were sent to voters who did not appear on Police Listing taken January 1, 1974.

**NOTICES SENT TO VOTERS NOT ON POLICE LISTING**  
**March 1974**

WARD	TOTAL
1	316
2	519
3	371
4	596
5	549
6	521
7	626
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TOTAL	3,498

Returned to voting list	257
Deceased	16
Undelivered	45
Unheard from	3,180

# STATE ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 1974

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
<b>Total Number of Votes Cast</b>	2614	2888	3337	4358	3798	3322	4107	24,424
<b>Governor and Lieut. Governor</b>								
Sargent and Dwight Rep.	824	956	1191	1602	1358	1423	1639	8,993
Dukakis and O'Neill Dem.	1617	1739	1942	2495	2211	1735	2269	14,008
Gurewitz and Bivins Soc. Wrks.	31	69	52	32	38	44	31	297
Kahian and Greco Amer. Party	84	65	85	152	115	57	122	680
Blanks	58	59	67	77	76	63	46	446
<b>Attorney General</b>								
Francis X. Bellotti Dem. Quincy	1738	1786	2010	2825	2395	1792	2370	14,916
Josiah A. Spaulding Rep. Manchester	776	931	1172	1385	1248	1371	1594	8,477
Jeanne Lafferty Soc. Works. Boston	55	93	75	63	85	84	63	518
Blanks	45	78	80	85	70	75	80	513
<b>Secretary</b>								
Paul H. Guzzi Dem. Newton	1991	2203	2461	3295	2890	2347	3060	18,247
John M. Quinlan Rep. Norwood	531	528	714	911	761	859	901	5205
Blanks	92	157	162	152	147	116	146	972
<b>Treasurer</b>								
Robert Q. Crane Dem. Wellesley	2142	2287	2619	3459	3042	2606	3336	19,491
Blanks	472	601	718	899	756	716	771	4,933



Precincts												
Total Number of Votes Cast												
Representative—7th Midd. Dist.												
Marie E. Howe Dem. Som.	413	407	402	498	373	208	341	575	544	409	589	4,759
Blanks	86	80	118	106	131	63	98	206	154	135	181	1,358
Precincts												
Total Number of Votes Cast												
Representative—8th Midd. Dist.												
Mary E. Fantasia Dem. Som.	454	253	521	470	504	521	545	432	462	493	574	5,229
Blanks	123	68	149	140	141	157	132	124	133	129	104	1,400
Wards												
Total Number of Votes Cast												
District Attorney												
John J. Droney Dem. Camb.	2082	2240	2539	2539	3380	3019	2499	2499	3281	3281	19,040	5,384
Blanks	532	648	798	798	978	779	823	823	826	826		
County Commissioner												
John L. Danehy Dem. Camb.	2011	2170	2428	2428	3252	2920	2431	2431	3188	3188	18,400	6,024
Blanks	603	718	909	909	1106	878	891	891	919	919		
Sheriff												
John J. Buckley Rep. Belmont	732	873	1097	1097	1416	1198	1272	1272	1357	1357	7,945	
Walter J. Sullivan Dem. Camb.	1736	1875	2030	2030	2650	2381	1879	1879	2535	2535	15,086	
Blanks	146	140	210	210	292	219	171	171	215	215	1,393	

## QUESTION NO. 1

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held August 25, 1971, received 212 votes in the affirmative and 39 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held June 6, 1973, received 235 votes in the affirmative and 19 in the negative?

### SUMMARY

The proposed constitutional amendment, if approved, would replace the present Article 52 of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth and would empower the General Court, by concurrent vote of the two houses, to take a recess or recesses amounting to not more than thirty days. The present Article 52 permits such recesses but provides that "no such recess shall extend beyond the sixtieth day" from the beginning of the legislative session.

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Yes	1179	1361	1626	2096	1884	1680	2075	11,901
No	665	595	723	903	916	787	931	5,520
Blanks	770	932	988	1359	998	855	1101	7,003

## STATE ELECTION

### NOVEMBER 5, 1974

### QUESTION No. 2

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held August 25, 1971, received 177 votes in the affirmative and 65 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held June 6, 1973, received 166 votes in the affirmative and 93 in the negative?

### SUMMARY

The proposed constitutional amendment, if approved, would provide for a census in the year 1975 and every tenth year thereafter



of the inhabitants of each city and town as a basis for determining the representative, senatorial and councillor districts for the ten year period beginning with the first Wednesday in the fourth January following the taking of the census, provided that the districts as established based on the 1971 census shall terminate on the first Wednesday in January, 1979. The census shall specify the number of inhabitants residing in each precinct of a town and each precinct and ward of a city.

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Yes	1405	1499	1826	2380	2176	1969	2398	13,653
No	449	464	516	656	617	497	619	3,818
Blanks	760	925	995	1322	1005	856	1090	6,953

### QUESTION No. 3

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held June 7, 1972, received 250 votes in the affirmative and 3 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held June 6, 1973, received 253 votes in the affirmative and 0 in the negative?

### SUMMARY

The proposed constitutional amendment would repeal section 2 of Article 46 of the Articles of Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth (the “anti-aid amendment”, so-called) and replace it with a new section 2, for the purpose of allowing grants in aid to private higher educational institutions or to students, or parents or guardians of students, attending such institutions.

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Yes	1209	1294	1515	1924	1833	1604	1946	11,325
No	622	659	810	994	930	843	1000	5,858
Blanks	783	935	1012	1440	1035	875	1161	7,241

## QUESTION NO. 4

### LAW PROPOSED BY AN INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held May 17, 1972, received 131 votes in the affirmative and 121 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held May 8, 1974, received 139 votes in the affirmative and 119 in the negative?

### SUMMARY

The proposed constitutional amendment would revise Article 78 of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution to permit the expenditure of money from the highway fund for mass transportation lines and other mass transportation purposes in such manner as the Legislature may direct. The highway fund includes receipts from fees, duties, excises and license taxes relating to registration, operation or use of motor vehicles and taxes from the sale of motor vehicle fuels. The expenditure of money from such fund is presently restricted to highway and bridge construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair, enforcement of state traffic laws, and administration of the tax statutes which provide highway fund receipts.

Ward	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Yes	1214	1359	1599	1928	1859	1706	2002	11,667
No	637	630	764	1023	950	772	997	5,773
Blanks	763	899	974	1407	989	844	1108	6,984

## QUESTION NO. 5

### LAW PROPOSED BY AN INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 73 in the affirmative and 150 in the negative and was disapproved in the Senate by a vote of 16 in the affirmative and 22 in the negative?

## SUMMARY

Provisions of the act establish an independent Corrupt Practices Commission, with five members to be appointed by the Governor to staggered five year terms. The Commission has subpoena powers and is to investigate, by means of secret hearings, candidates' compliance with all state and federal laws relating to political campaign contributions and expenditures and corrupt practices. If probable cause is shown, the Commission is required to direct the Attorney General to take further action in the proper form and is required to make public a report of such action. In cases involving the campaign practices of the Attorney General himself, a special attorney is to be appointed. If no probable cause is shown, the Commission is to state so publicly.

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Yes	1187	1245	1487	1910	1777	1612	1924	11,142
No	649	718	849	1044	999	834	1012	6,105
Blanks	778	925	1001	1404	1022	876	1171	7,177

## QUESTION NO. 6

Should the General Court enact legislation during the nineteen hundred and seventy-five session reorganizing state government by creating a Department of Health Systems Regulation which shall have the power to administer the medicaid program, control and set rates for nursing homes, hospitals, and other health providers under medicaid, license and inspect health facilities, and regulate private health insurance policies, medical and hospital service plans?

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Yes	1624	1726	1992	2580	2343	2097	2610	14,972
No	340	368	488	601	570	470	530	3,367
Blanks	650	794	857	1177	885	755	967	6,085

**ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
FOR  
1974**

Reports of the Public Health Nurses, School Nurses, Health Officer, Sanitary Inspectors, Veterinarian, Milk Inspector, School Dentists Housing Inspectors and Health Agents.

To the Honorable Mayor,  
The Board of Aldermen  
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

We respectfully submit the following, which is a summary of the work of the department for the year 1974, as the twenty-sixth annual report for the Board of Health.

**RECORD OF LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED**

Slaughter Poultry	One application for a permit to slaughter Poultry under the provision of Section 139a of chapter 679 of the General Laws, was received and granted. A fee of \$1.00 was charged.
Massage	One license was issued for practice of Massage. A fee of \$5.00 was charged.

Bottling	One license to engage in the business of bottling carbonated beverages, soda water and mineral water was granted. A fee of \$20.00 per license is charged of which \$10.00 is paid to the State Public Health.
Nursing Homes	In accordance with Section 71 and 73 of the Chapter 111 of the General Laws, 11 applications for the renewal of licenses to operate Convalescent or Nursing Homes for the aged were approved by the Health Officer and Milk Inspector and Board Members and forwarded to the State Department of Public Health for Licenses.
Funeral Directors	In accordance with Chapter 112, of General Laws, Section 83, 26 Funeral Directors have been registered as Funeral Directors and are qualified to be licensed as Funeral Directors by the State Public Health and local Public Health. No fee is charged.
Day Care	There are 3 Day Care Centers licensed by the State and the City of Somerville.

### **BIOLOGICALS SUPPLIES AND DIAGNOSTIC TEST OUTFITS**

The Health Department continued as the distributing center for all biologic supplies and diagnostic test outfits, with sub-stations at the following locations:

Health Clinic  
Reed Drug Store  
Lepore Pharmacy

Public Works Building  
Davis Square  
725 Broadway

Union Square Pharmacy	23 Union Square
Apothecary Hall	152 Highland Avenue
Janar Pharmacy	497 Broadway
Central Hospital	Central Street

#### Biologicals:

Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis Antigen  
 Diphtheria and Tetanus  
 Diphtheria and Tetanus (Adult)  
 Diphtheria Antitoxin  
 Immune Serum Globulin  
 Measles  
 Old Tuberculin  
 Poliomyelitis Vaccine  
 Smallpox  
 Tetanus Toxoid  
 Typhoid  
 Mumps  
 German Measles  
 Measles and German Measles Combination  
 Measles, Mumps and German Measles Combination  
 Vaccine Needles

#### Diagnostic Test Outfits:

Throat Cultures  
 Wasserman Tubes  
 Undulant Fever  
 Enteric Cultures  
 Gonorrhea Smear  
 Tine Test

## MORTALITY — 1974

There were 566 deaths and 1 stillbirth during the year 1974, as specified in the following table:

Deaths at Central Hospital.....	95
Deaths in Somerville Hospital.....	230
Deaths at Home for Aged, Highland Ave.....	11
Deaths at Other Institutions.....	56

	Male	Female	Totals
Under One Year.....	2	1	3
One to Five Years.....	0	0	0
Five to Ten Years.....	0	0	0
Ten to Fifteen Years.....	1	0	1
Fifteen to Twenty Years.....	1	1	2
Twenty to Thirty Years.....	4	1	5
Thirty to Forty Years.....	6	4	10
Forty to Fifty Years.....	19	17	36
Fifty to Sixty Years.....	28	26	54
Sixty to Seventy Years.....	66	47	113
Seventy to Eighty Years.....	75	79	154
Eighty to Ninety Years.....	42	97	139
Ninety to One Hundred Years.....	10	36	46
Over One Hundred Years.....	0	3	3
TOTALS	254	313	566

## DEATHS DURING THE LAST 10 YEARS

1965 — 703	1970 — 696
1966 — 714	1971 — 624
1967 — 716	1972 — 613
1968 — 696	1973 — 574
1969 — 682	1974 — 566



# CAUSES OF DEATHS FOR 1974

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Totals
1. Infectious and Parasitic Diseases .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	1	0	2
2. Cancer and Other Tumors .....	6	5	7	7	10	4	6	4	3	4	5	8	69
3. Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition, Etc. ....	3	1	-	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	10
4. Diseases of Blood Forming Organs .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Chronic Poisoning and Intoxication .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2
6. Diseases of the Nervous System and Sense Organs ....	3	7	5	8	8	5	5	6	5	3	3	7	65
7. Diseases of the Circulatory System .....	32	22	26	35	20	28	28	10	20	24	19	24	288
8. Diseases of the Respiratory System .....	5	5	7	12	7	6	2	3	8	6	6	6	73
9. Diseases of the Digestive System .....	3	1	4	2	4	4	2	2	3	2	1	4	32
10. Diseases of the Genito-Urinary System .....	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	1	8
11. Diseases of Pregnancy, Childbirth, Etc. ....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12. Diseases of Skin and Cellular Tissue .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13. Diseases of Bones and Organs of Movement .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14. Congenital Malformation .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15. Diseases Peculiar to First Year of Life .....	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
16. Senility .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17. Violent or Accidental .....	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	1	2	1	3	-	12
18. Ill Defined and Unknown Causes .....	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	4
TOTALS .....	53	42	50	69	53	50	45	29	43	42	39	51	566



## TUBERCULOSIS — 1974

Tuberculosis, all forms reported, totaled 14 patients. There were 4 of these patients admitted to Middlesex County Hospital in 1974.

We have had no clinic for tuberculosis during the year 1974.

### AGE AND SEX OF CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS REPORTED

	M	F	Total
Under 15 years of age.....	1	0	1
15 years to 20 years of age.....	0	0	0
20 years to 30 years of age.....	0	1	1
30 years to 40 years of age.....	0	1	1
Over 40 years of age.....	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>
Totals	7	7	14

### IMMUNIZATION CLINICS FOR 1974

	Total	1st	2nd	3rd	Booster
Diphtheria, Pertussis & Tetanus.....	340	69	67	70	134
Polio.....	535	94	86	150	205
Measles.....	43				
Mumps.....	147				
German Measles.....	30				
Rubella & Measles.....	159				
Tuberculin Tests.....	130				
Measles, Mumps & Rubella.....	<u>2</u>				
Total Immunizations	1386	163	153	220	339

Approximately 1600 persons were inoculated at the Flu Clinic.

The following is a recapitulation of the work done by the Public Health Nurse—Doris Langone, R.N., beyond the clinic work.

Tuberculosis .....	293
Contagious Diseases.....	111
Miscellaneous .....	89
Infant Hygiene.....	251
Totals.....	744

On November 13, 1974, a Glaucoma Clinic was held at Somerville Hospital at which time 128 people were checked.

The following is a list of the various animal bites in the City of Somerville during the year 1974.

Dog Bites.....	150
Cat Bites.....	5
Coatimundi Bites.....	1
Squirrel Bites.....	1
Lion Bites.....	1
Monkey Bites.....	1
Gerbil Bites.....	<u>2</u>
Total	161

There were 5 heads sent to the laboratory in 1974.

All bites were checked and where possible the animal was ordered to be restrained.

During the year 1974 the Board of Health sponsored a Rabies Clinic, which saw 579 dogs inoculated against rabies.

## Report of the Milk Inspector

Listed below are the various licenses given to stores, restaurants, dealers, plants and dairy freeze trucks in 1974.

201.....	Milk Licenses
166.....	Ice Cream Licenses
94.....	Oleo Licenses
10.....	Ice Cream Manufacturers Licenses
1.....	Bottling Plants

An average of 40,000 quarts of milk and 1,000 quarts of cream are distributed daily in Somerville. The Milk Inspector makes a spot check weekly on various trucks, and makes an analysis on the contents and sends a report to the company involved.

Routine sanitary inspections are made of establishments licensed for manufacture or sale of milk, ice cream and other dairy products.

A total of 312 inspections were made during 1974.

Samples collected.....	52
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### Examinations:

Bacteriological .....	208
Chemical .....	104
Phosphatase .....	52
Microscopic.....	<u>10</u>
Total Examinations.....	426

Following is a summary of the Sanitary complaints and condemnations made by the Sanitary Inspectors during 1974.

### Sanitary complaints:

Burning rubbish.....	2
Dumping rubbish in restricted areas.....	4

Dirty yards and cellars.....	75
Dirty stores.....	0
Garbage and rubbish.....	60
Uncovered garbage & rubbish barrels.....	40
Uncovered meat in market.....	3
Adulterated foods.....	0
Exposed food complaints.....	15
Lack of heat.....	0
Defective plumbing.....	0
Leaky roofs.....	0
Rat & roach infestation.....	5
Offensive odors.....	12
Smoke Nuisances.....	4
Food & liquors condemned.....	6
Mosquitos.....	0
Water.....	2
Miscellaneous.....	40
<b>T O T A L</b>	<b>268</b>

Number of establishments inspected.....	1260
Number of complaints written, inspected.....	225
Notices sent.....	235

### CONDEMNATIONS

Bakery products	210 loaves of bread	68 dozen eggs
Shortening	300 lbs.	386 lbs. meat
Candy	480 lbs.	255 lbs. cheese
Potatoe chips	199 Asst. Pkgs.	5 lbs. mushrooms
Cookies	175 lbs.	1370 pkgs. gum
Crackers	26 cases assorted	104 quarts of milk
Ice Cream	125 quarts	47 - 100 lb. bags of flour
Sesamee seeds	400 lbs.	25 - 100 lb. bags sugar
Salt	8 - 100 lb. bags	5 - cases Belmont Sticks

## CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT — 1974

### Area Coding:

Dwelling units inspected.....	1,781
Dwelling units with violations.....	907
Dwelling units with violations corrected.....	1,297
Dwelling units re-inspected.....	2,582

### Complaints:

Dwelling units investigated.....	1,270
Dwelling units with violations.....	1,242

### Referrals:

Building Department.....	30
Plumbing.....	0
Electrical Department.....	0
Water Department.....	0
Highway Department.....	0
Police Department.....	0
Fire Prevention.....	<u>0</u>
Total Referrals	30

### Law Enforcement

Legal notices served.....	717
Legal notices served (Constable Service).....	0
Legal notices served (Certified Mail Service).....	87
Second letters sent.....	0
Third letters sent.....	0
Ownership (Title search).....	20
Buildings placarded.....	3

## DENTAL CLINICS — 1974

The following is a report of the School Dental Clinics for the year ending December 31, 1974.

	Kennedy	Conwell	Healy	E.S.C.S.	St. Joseph's	Totals
Patients:						
Old Cases	442	123	485	31	299	1380
New cases	47	0	81	3	65	196
Emergency cases	3	0	0	2	24	29
Special cases	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	492	123	566	36	388	1605
Cases discharged	68	31	50	5	51	205
Cases continued	424	92	516	31	337	1400
Treatments:						
No. of visits	492	123	566	36	294	1511
No. of fillings	480	130	468	62	8	1644
No.. of treatments	7	3	1	0	12	23
No. of extractions	14	0	16	5	8	43
No. of cleanings	200	155	66	308	205	934
No. of certs.	45	22	26	0	97	190
Totals	501	133	486	308	740	1956

## REPORT OF SCHOOL HEALTH NURSES FOR 1974

During the year 1974 there were a total of 2643 pupils examined in the Public Schools by School Physicians.

Total examinations by Family Physicians were 215.

There were 307 pupils referred for further diagnosis and treatment. Completed referrals were 244.

Parochial School children examined were as follows: 707 pupils examined, of this number there were 74 referred for further diagnosis. Completed referrals were 58.

Vision Tests in the Schools were as follows:

	Total Tested	Failed	Reports Returned
Public Schools	10,209	998	384
Parochial Schools	2,896	166	117

Hearing Tests in the Schools were as follows:

	Total Tested	Failed	Reports Returned
Public Schools	10,068	663	289
Parochial Schools	2,003	121	64

The following is a recapitulation of the immunization of vaccines given in the Public and Parochial Schools during 1974.

Tetanus & Diphtheria (a series of 3)	149
Polio Vaccine	151
Polio Boosters	257
Measles Vaccine	145
Measles & Rubella	43
Mumps Vaccine	485
Rubella	338
Tine Testing.....Tuberculosis testing report.	
Grade I 1072	
Negative 1072	

Mantoux Testing	
Grade IX 820	
Number retested 6	
Families checked 3 on I N H	
Screening by Mantoux	
New Employees 69	

There were numerous Flu Inoculations given to school personnel.

The above numbers were submitted by the School Nurses.



## CIVIL DEFENSE DEPARTMENT

### Annual Report — 1974

During the year 1974, the volunteers of the Civil Defense Department donated a total of 22,582 hours to the City of Somerville. This is broken down as follows:

Auxiliary Policy: 14,216 hours, which includes Church Traffic, anti-vandalism patrols of the schools, Police Science training, firearms instruction, parades and fires.

Auxiliary Fire: 8,366 hours, which includes response by the equipment to fires, water leaks, pumpouts, summer programs, mutual aid assignments and ambulance runs.

The combined total of hours for both departments represents savings to the city of over \$113,000.00 in salaries in a single year. The ambulance, unfortunately, broke down on July 4, 1974 and we have been unable to replace it as yet, but before it broke down it made 167 emergency responses and saved a conservative estimate of \$7,000.00 for the residents of this city. The combined total of savings to the residents of the city by our volunteer services is in excess of \$120,000.00 for 1974.

The Somerville Civil Defense Department is extremely proud to have the best and most active auxiliaries in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Both the volunteers and staff have participated in Rescue, Firefighting, E.M.T. and Police Science Courses given by the Civil Defense Training Academy. Somerville Civil Defense also sponsored two seminars on disaster nursing, three Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation Courses and conducted a disaster drill for our two hospitals.

The Civil Defense Department has actively sought excess and surplus property through all Federal and State Agencies and we received \$92,220.00 in surplus property, for which we paid a total of \$7,520.51.



The equipment received includes:

- 3 — Pickup Trucks
- 1 — Carryall Truck
- 1 — Fire Engine
- 3 — Police Sedans for Police Department
- 2 — Sedans for Fire Department
- 7 — Sedans and Station Wagons for Public Works Department
- 1 — Patrol Van for Police Department
- 1 — 2 1/2 ton Truck w/winch for Lines and Lights

All of this property is currently in use by the various departments and more is constantly being sought.

Because of a successful program and a rewriting of various emergency plans, our eligibility to receive Federal Funding for salaries was once again approved and over \$12,200.00 in Federal Funds was received by the City in Matching Funds for Civil Defense Department salaries.

In summary, the department provided services and equipment savings to the city as follows:

22,582 Volunteer Manhours, saving.....	\$113,000.00
167 Emergency Ambulance Responses, saving.....	7,000.00
Surplus Property Acquisitions, saving.....	84,700.00
Matching Federal Funds, saving.....	12,200.00
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A Total Saving of.....	\$216,900.00

Respectfully submitted,

John A. McNerny  
Director of Civil Defense

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SOMERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Honorable Mayor  
and the Board of Aldermen  
of the City of Somerville

Dear Sirs:

The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Somerville Public Library is herewith respectfully submitted and appended thereto, and forming a part of it, the Annual Report of the Librarian, which details the growth and operation of the library for the past year.

Respectfully,

William T. Howe  
Chairman,  
Board of Trustees

BOARD OF TRUSTEES	TERM EXPIRES
Rev. William T. Howe, Chairman	January 1, 1977
Mrs. Agnes W. Benichasa, Vice-Chairman	January 1, 1975
Mr. John Campana	January 1, 1976
Mrs. Margaret H. Chisholm	January 1, 1976
Mrs. Robin E. Glabe	January 1, 1976
Mrs. Annie L. Johnson	January 1, 1977
Mr. Kenneth W. Lonergan	January 1, 1976
Mr. Thomas F. O'Brien	January 1, 1977
Rabbi Leo Shubow	January 1, 1975

### COMMITTEE ON BUILDING AND PROPERTY

The Chairman and the Vice Chairman

### SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Mr. Kenneth W. Lonergan

Nineteen seventy-four has been an active year in the Somerville Public Library. Activities for citizens of all ages were begun or continued. With the closing of three facilities at the end of 1973, the circulation at the remaining two branches and Central locations has grown so that there is only a small loss in overall circulation for the system.

Much time has been spent throughout the year with architects planning the overall renovation of the Central Library building. A renovation feasibility study of all three city-owned buildings was begun in January and completed at the end of April. Several alternatives were given for each facility. Simultaneously application was made and later awarded for Federal LSCA Title I monies through the Massachusetts Bureau of Library Extension in the amount of \$110,229.00 for renovations to the Central Library.

In July, the Board of Aldermen approved a \$1.5 million dollar bond issue for the purpose of "remodelling, reconstructing, and making extraordinary repairs to the Central Library." The Emergency Finance Board approved the project in November and the design phase was completed by the Architects in December.

In December, Mayor Ralph began renovations on the West Branch constructed in 1909. This Greek Revival three story building will be restored to its original beauty and all three floors will again be usable. The work is being done by the Public Works Department under the CETA program and is scheduled to be completed by the summer of 1975.

The Audio-Visual Department became a reality in October with the appointment of Martin Garfinkle through CETA funds. Instruction in library use utilizing video has been tried in cooperation with the School Department. This is a weekly event and has been successful. Within the next year it is planned to extend information and instruction via video to the Elderly Centers in the city.

This year was an active and successful one for the Junior Library; it saw not only the continuation of innovations made in

1973, but also the implementation of many new ideas and plans. Much work has been done in such areas as collection building, staff involvement in professional activities, and attempted improvement of the physical surroundings.

Programming, an important phase of activity, was augmented and improved in 1974. Story hours for preschoolers were among the most popular offerings, with fifteen to twenty-five children registered for each session. A penpal club in February was quite successful; films throughout the year were the most attractive offerings.

The most successful activity of the year, the summer program, was largely so because of the type of publicity used—personal visits were made to each classroom in Somerville.

We served eight shut-ins this year and several rest homes and nursing homes.

Our records circulate extremely well and the variety is appreciated by our patrons. Children particularly enjoy this department and we look forward to the time when they will have their own place to listen to and borrow records.

The Library can be proud of the periodical collection. The magazines were put out to bid this year and we have a total of 372; newspapers 26.

1974 was a year of change at East Branch. New hours for branches were established with the ten o'clock opening. This has been helpful in improving library business and many patrons have reacted favorably.

East Branch looks forward to having better facilities in the coming year.

## AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FORM FOR UNIFORM STATISTICS

City: Somerville      County: Middlesex      State: Massachusetts  
 Name of Library: The Public Library of the City of Somerville

Date of Founding: 1872

Name of Librarian: Mrs. Annalee M. Bundy

Report of the fiscal year ending December 31, 1974

Governmental unit of support and service: City

Population served: 1970 census 88,779

Terms of use: Free for lending, Free for reference

<b>Agencies</b> Central Library	1
Branch in Library Building	2
Others, in schools	35
in institutions	2
Rest Homes and Homes for the Aged	27
	<hr/> 67

### Circulation and Use

Number of volumes of adult non-fiction lent for home use	43,163
Number of volumes of adult fiction lent for home use	63,955
Number of volumes of juveniles lent for home use	57,347
Total number of volumes lent for home use	<hr/> 164,465

Period of loan for the majority of adult book stock—14 days

Number of inter-library loans: Volumes lent	40
Volumes borrowed	220
Films borrowed	233

Number of reference questions answered      22,075

Total number of records lent for home use      10,587

Registration	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Total number of registered borrowers	10,818	5,612	16,430
Borrowers registered during year	3,891	1,657	5,548
Registration Period: three years			

Book Stock:	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of volumes December 31, 1973	103,672	75,546	179,218
Number of volumes added during year	8,814	2,345	11,159
Number of volumes withdrawn during year	5,601	1,862	7,463
Number of volumes December 31, 1974	106,885	76,029	182,914

Number of newspapers currently received excluding duplicates	26
Number of periodicals currently received excluding duplicates	372

## FINANCE

Assessed valuation of the City (Real Estate) \$139,968,300.00 City  
tax rate for 1974 — \$196.20 per \$1,000.00

## RECEIPTS

Local taxation		\$485,182.54
Library Department		
Fines included in above	\$ 3,723.94	
Dog licenses included in above	\$ 9,909.10	
Invested Funds:		
Balance from 1973	\$14,637.63	
Income during 1974	<u>642.51</u>	15,280.14
State Aid \$33,292.13		
Feasibility Study		12,000.00
Balance 1973		<u>452.98</u>
		\$512,915.66

## EXPENDITURES

Salaries—Library Department		\$378,483.10
Books Appropriation	\$72,264.54	
Funds	<u>3,635.82</u>	75,900.36
Music Appropriation	\$893.95	
Funds	<u>24.54</u>	918.49
Periodicals Appropriation	\$5,429.99	
Funds	<u>267.60</u>	5,697.59

Binding		269.69	
Insurance		0	
Other operating expenses			
Appropriation	\$28,098.82		
Funds	<u>1,598.65</u>		
	<u>29,697.47</u>		\$490,966.70

## **BALANCE—DECEMBER, 1974**

Library Department			
Appropriation — Services	\$11,695.82		
Ord. Mt.	253.47		
1973 balance — cancelled	246.14		
Funds	<u>\$ 9,753.53</u>		
		<u>21,948.96</u>	
			\$512,915.66



## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable, the Mayor  
and the Board of Aldermen  
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the Annual Report of the Police Department for the year ending, December 31, 1974:

### ARRESTS

Whole Number of Arrests.....	2489
On Summons.....	884
On Warrants.....	386
Without Warrants.....	1219
Held for Trial.....	2345
Delivered to Other Departments.....	138
Released on Waiver.....	6
Females .....	242
Males .....	2247
Foreigners .....	138
Non-residents .....	833
Minors .....	944
Juveniles .....	329

### POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

The police department consists of one hundred and thirty-six (136) permanent officers; one (1) senior account clerk and stenographer; two (2) permanent matrons; one (1) senior clerk and six (6) telephone operators and clerks. There are also fifty-six (56) male school traffic supervisors, working each day during the school year.



During the year 1974, William A. Kinsley, Jr., Leo J. Letendre, Joseph A. Murphy, Salvatore F. Salemme, James F. Tatosky, and Alfred J. White, Jr. were promoted to the rank of Captain.

One (1) Captain, One (1) Lieutenant, One (1) Sergeant, and one (1) patrolman were retired.

One (1) patrolman has been on a Leave of Absence without pay. One (1) patrolman was discharged April 1, 1974.

### **RANKS IN THE DEPARTMENT**

Chief	1
Deputy Chiefs	2
Captains	7
Lieutenants	1
Sergeants	11
Patrolman Master Mechanic	1
Patrolmen	<u>113</u>
TOTAL	136

### **IN CONCLUSION**

I wish to thank his Honor the Mayor, members of the Board of Aldermen, heads of various departments and all members of the police department for their loyal support, cooperation and assistance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. O'Brien  
Chief of Police

## ANNUAL REPORT SOMERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1974

During the year 1974 the Fire Department responded to the following alarms:

First Alarms .....	3,417
Second Alarms .....	6
Third Alarms .....	5
Still Alarms .....	<u>2,984</u>
Total Alarms .....	6,412

The total alarms includes 1934 False Alarms for an increase of 532 over the previous year. These false alarms constitute an unnecessary increase of operating expenses of the Department and the ever present possibility of a delay in response to an actual fire. Without public cooperation this needless expense will continue to interfere with the efficient operation of the Fire Department.

The Somerville Fire Department responded to surrounding communities 568 times in our Mutual Aid pact. We in turn received aid from neighboring communities 756 times during 1974. The value of this Mutual Aid agreement is forcibly brought home when a multiple alarm is sounded and we receive all the additional assistance that is asked for.

The fire losses for the year were as follows:

Buildings .....	\$781,311.71
Contents .....	684,567.66
Motor Vehicles .....	130,824.00

On June 10, 1974 we suffered a disastrous fire at the Arrow Paper Company which took the lives of two of our firefighters and caused serious burns and injuries to scores of others. But for the heroic and dedicated action of their comrades our losses at this fire

could have been much greater. The two firefighters who gave their lives in the line of duty were Joseph Reilly and Robert Brickley. On June 25, 1974 ground-breaking ceremonies were held for the new Reilly—Brickley Central Fire Station located on Broadway at Walnut Street.

A 1973 Survey of the City of Somerville by the National Fire Protection Association commented strongly on the age of existing fire apparatus being near or over 20 years of age. Mayor S. Lester Ralph with the cooperation of the Board of Aldermen immediately instituted a program to update our apparatus and rectify this condition. During the year 1974 we received two new 1250 G.P.M. Maxim Pumpers to replace Engine 1 and Engine 5. These were in addition to the 1250 G.P.M. Maxim Pumper for Engine 7 and the three modern Hose Wagons that were delivered in 1973 as the first step in the apparatus modernization program. Two additional 1250 G.P.M. Pumpers and a 100' Aerial Ladder Truck are on order but unfortunately delays are being experienced in the delivery of these needed replacements.

In addition to the apparatus, another piece of equipment was received which is proving to be a valuable asset particularly in motor vehicle accidents. This Hurst Power Rescue Tool is often times referred to as "The Jaws of Life". It is a hydraulically operated all purpose emergency power tool that greatly simplifies the opening up of crashed motor vehicles to extricate trapped victims and reduce the precious minutes needed to get that victim on his way to a hospital. The life of the crash victim may well be saved by this expedient removal.

In 1974 there were 15 firefighters who took an 81 hour course for Emergency Medical Training. Most of the time spent on this course was on off-duty hours and these men are to be commended.

All fire hose was subjected to an annual pressure test to assure dependability and to detect any defects. Defective and overaged hose was replaced as needed. A total of 565,650 feet of hose was used at fires. Ladders totaling 13,556 feet were used in fire fighting

operations. All Pumpers were given their annual test in drafting operations and were used for 509 hours in pumping operations at fires.

The Fire Prevention Bureau under the capable direction of Deputy Chief Charles Markey conducted a total of 2711 inspections of dwellings, stores, business establishments, schools, hospitals, nursing and convalescent homes. Gasoline stations and fuel oil trucks were also inspected under the guidelines of new State Regulations. The work of this Bureau is expanding and co-ordination with other City departments will be a factor in reducing fire losses.

The Auxiliary Fire Department a unit of Civil Defense contributed 8366 man hours during the year. In addition to responding to multiple alarms in Somerville and surrounding communities the Auxiliary also provided ambulance service to the City. Numerous calls for pumping out flooded residential cellars and for lighting up fire scenes were promptly answered by these volunteer Auxiliary men. The Auxiliary provides a valuable service to the City and their members under the command of Captain Edward Downey are to be commended.

The Fire Department wishes to thank Mayor Ralph, the Board of Aldermen and all department heads of the City Government for their cooperation and assistance during the year 1974.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles J. Donovan  
Acting Chief Engineer

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LICENSING COMMISSION**

To the Honorable, the Mayor,  
and the Board of Aldermen  
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

The following factual information is respectfully submitted as the Annual Report of the Licensing Commission of the City of Somerville for the year ending December 31, 1974.

Commissioner Michael E. Rubin served as Chairman of the Licensing Commission for the year of 1974.

Michael E. Rubin, 354 Broadway, Somerville was re-appointed by the Mayor, approved by the Board of Aldermen and sworn in on June 27, 1974 as a member of the Licensing Commission for a term of three years.

Officer Vincent McDonough of the Somerville Police Department was assigned to the Licensing Commission for the year of 1974.

Charles Caliri, Board of Health Inspector, was assigned to the Licensing Commission for the year of 1974.

The Licensing Commission received the following applications for the year of 1974:

- 1 Application for an All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7-Day Innholder License: They voted 'GRANTED' on this application and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 'APPROVED' same. Therefore one All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7-Day Innholder License was issued in 1974.

- 2 Applications for a Malt Beverages and Wines, Not To Be Drunk On The Premises 'Package Goods' Store License: Both applications were withdrawn before the hearing.
- 6 Applications for a transfer from one corporation to another corporation and a change of manager: They voted 'GRANTED' on these applications and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 'APPROVED' them.
- 1 Application for a transfer of location and then for a transfer from one corporation to another corporation: They voted 'GRANTED' on both parts of this application and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 'APPROVED' the entire application.
- 1 Application for a transfer of location: They voted 'GRANTED' on this application and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 'APPROVED' same.
- 2 Applications for additional premises—They voted 'GRANTED' on one of these applications and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 'APPROVED' same. The other application was withdrawn by the applicant before the hearing.
- 1 Application for reduction of premises: They voted 'GRANTED' on this application and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 'APPROVED' same
- 5 Applications for change in interior of premises: They voted 'GRANTED' on these applications. An Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission approval not required
- 4 Applications for permission to use a doing business name: They voted 'GRANTED' on these applications and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 'APPROVED' them.

- 1 Application for change in a doing business name: They voted 'GRANTED' on this application and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 'APPROVED' same
- 1 1 Applications for a transfer of stock which were 'APPROVED' by them and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
- 6 Applications for a pledge of stock which were 'APPROVED' by them and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
- 1 8 Applications for change of officers which were 'APPROVED' by them and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission
- 1 5 Applications for change of manager which were 'APPROVED' by them and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
- 1 Court notice of a change of administrator as the former administrator deceased
- 1 Notice of an assignment for the benefit of creditors
- 1 1 3 Applications for renewal of Alcoholic Beverages License for 1975. No hearing held on these applications as the applications were for the same type of license and were filed before December 1, 1974 which entitled the applicants to an automatic renewal under the provisions of the G.L. Chapter 138, Section 16a as amended by Chapter 352 of the acts of 1970
- 5 9 All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 'Restaurant 7-Day License'
  - 1 Malt Beverages and Wines Restaurant 7-Day License
  - 2 All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 'Innholder 7-Day License'



1 5 All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 'Club 7-Day License'

2 1 All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 'Package Goods' Store License

1 3 Malt Beverages and Wines 'Package Goods' Store License

2 All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 'Section 30-A License' (Druggist)

One All Forms Section 30-A Licensee (Druggist) did not renew for 1975

They 'GRANTED' nine Full Entertainment and Dance Licenses for the year of 1975

Eleven violations of the Law were reported to the Licensing Commission and after holding hearings on these they took appropriate action

The established policy of the Licensing Commission relative to routine matters of office procedure and the issuance of licenses has not materially changed

A general inspection tour of all licensed premises brought out the fact that all establishments are now equipped with up-to-date facilities.

We wish to acknowledge the splendid co-operation and wholehearted support given our Commission by Police Inspector Vincent McDonough and Board of Health Inspector Charles Caliri assigned to our Commission. We also wish to acknowledge the efficient and faithful service of our clerk Mary I. Kenney

An itemized report of the fees received during the year ending December 31, 1974 is as follows:



# **FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LICENSING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE**

## **LICENSES GRANTED AND FEES RECEIVED:**

2	Renewal (1974)	All Forms Restaurant License 7-Day	\$1,100.00	\$ 2,200.00
56	Renewal (1975)	All Forms Restaurant License 7-Day	1,100.00	61,600.00
1	Renewal (1975)	Malt Beverages & Wines Licenses	500.00	500.00
1	(1974)	All Forms Innholder's License	1,300.00	1,300.00
2	Renewal (1975)	All Forms Innholder's Lic. 7-Day	1,300.00	2,600.00
15	Renewal (1975)	All Forms Club License 7-Day	250.00	3,750.00
1	Renewal (1974)	All Forms 'Pkg. Goods' Store Lic.	1,000.00	1,000.00
21	Renewal (1975)	All Forms 'Pkg. Goods' Store Lic.	1,000.00	21,000.00
1	Renewal (1974)	Malt Bev. & Wines Goods Store Lic.	400.00	400.00
13	Renewal (1975)	“ “ “ “	400.00	5,200.00
2	Renewal (1975)	Section 30-A License (Druggist)	300.00	600.00
4	(1974)	Special Alcoholic License	10.00	40.00
225	(1974)	Liquor Identification Cards	2.00	450.00
51	(1974)	Common Victualler's License	10.00	510.00
136	(1975)	Common Victualler's License	10.00	1,360.00
1	(1974)	Innholder License	10.00	10.00
2	Renewal (1975)	Innholder License	10.00	20.00
2	Renewal (1974)	Entertainment License	5.00	10.00
1	(1974)	Entertainment License	5.00	5.00
57	Renewal (1975)	Entertainment License	5.00	285.00
2	Renewal (1975)	Entertainment License	1.00	2.00
2	(1974)	Dance License	25.00	50.00
9	(1975)	Dance License	25.00	225.00
<b>Total Receipts for 1974</b>				<b>\$103,117.00</b>
<b>Expenses for 1974</b>				<b>17,359.44</b>
<b>Net Total Revenue of Department for 1974</b>				<b>\$85,757.56</b>

Three All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7-Day Restaurant Licenses whose premises were damaged by fire requested an extension of time for payment of renewal fee.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Rubin, Chairman  
John Cangiamila, Comm.  
Emmy Thidemann, Comm.

## REPORT OF THE VETERANS' SERVICES

To the Honorable,  
the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen  
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

During the year of 1974, the Veterans' Services Department granted Benefits and Services to Veterans and their dependents as follows:

To the needy Veteran and Dependent who was qualified under our Veterans' Benefits program, we granted Cash, Medical and other types of Benefits. To other Veterans and dependents, we assisted them in applying for Social Security, V.A. Benefits, G.I. Schooling, Employment and other programs for which they were entitled under our category of Veterans' Services.

A new Federal Program known as Supplemental Security Income was instituted in 1974 which has reduced our budget by an additional 150,000 per year. By taking advantage of available Federal Monies, this department continues to effect a net savings of more than \$100,000 per year. This savings included reimbursements of money from Industrial Accident cases as well as Federal money in regard to Medical Care.

These savings were effected in spite of the growing case load due to returning Vietnam Veterans and increasing unemployment as well as increased medical costs.

To His Honor, the Mayor, the Board of Alderman, The Veterans' Administration, Social Security Officials, State Unemployment Compensation Officials and the State Department of Veterans' Services, we express our deep appreciation for the co-operation and assistance provided this Department throughout the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert R. Bradley  
Agent — Director

# RECAPITULATION OF VETERANS' BENEFITS

	V. B. Somerville	V. B. State	Burials	Total Relief	Cash	Medical	Fuel	Groceries	Total Cases
1974									
Jan.	14,917.24	14,197.26	—	29,834.50	10,570.86	3,042.64	1,188.75	114.99	167
Feb.	12,626.14	12,626.15	—	25,252.29	9,083.48	2,049.90	1,092.75	400.01	159
Mar.	12,332.67	12,332.70	—	24,665.37	8,688.73	2,264.69	1,341.75	37.50	170
Apr.	10,861.42	10,861.42	—	21,722.84	8,504.46	679.46	1,425.00	252.50	164
May	10,596.17	10,596.18	—	21,192.35	7,302.58	2,438.39	1,647.75	207.45	147
June	8,573.12	8,573.14	—	17,146.26	6,684.78	1,821.34	—	67.00	140
July	6,742.46	6,742.47	—	13,484.93	6,157.41	502.55	—	82.50	109
Aug.	6,732.86	6,732.87	—	13,465.73	5,529.31	685.55	—	518.00	92
Sept.	6,145.95	6,145.95	—	12,291.90	5,167.24	297.22	507.50	173.99	100
Oct.	8,713.40	8,713.40	—	17,426.80	5,539.49	1,802.96	978.50	392.45	121
Nov.	8,121.04	8,121.04	—	16,242.08	5,007.47	1,643.07	985.50	485.00	113
Dec.	7,552.39	7,552.40	—	15,104.79	5,717.55	939.34	823.00	72.50	119
TOTAL	\$113,914.86	\$113,914.98	—	\$227,829.84	\$83,953.36	\$18,167.11	\$8,990.50	\$2,803.89	

**OFFICE OF THE SEALER  
OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES  
P. W. D. BUILDING**

The Honorable, the Mayor  
and the Board of Aldermen  
Somerville, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the annual report of the Department of  
Weights and Measures for the year 1974.

The following devices were tested and approved or condemned  
during the year 1974.

Scales	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed	Condemned
Over 10,000 lbs.	1	3	2	—
5,000 to 10,000 lbs.	—	4	—	—
100 to 5,000 lbs.	—	—	—	—
Under 100 lbs. cap.	76	502	—	12

Weights				
Avoirdupois	—	110	—	—
Metric	—	143	—	—
Apothecary	—	96	—	—

Oil Trucks, Gasoline Stations, Gasoline Trucks & Wholesale Bulk Meters

Gasoline Pumps	28	263	6	15
Fuel Oil Trucks	18	59	—	6
Wholesale Bulk Meters	—	3	—	—

Taximeters				
Meters on Taxicabs	—	61	—	19
Totals	131	1,282	8	52

## SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE

Junk Scales	5
Marking of bread	110
Marking of Food Packages	5,140
Liquid Containers (tonic etc.)	96
Taximeters (in use)	29
Fuel truck meters	41
Gasoline meters	22

## SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL TESTS MADE

Gasoline	18
Scales in use	54
Taxi meters (Other than Sealing)	—
Fuel meters (Other than Sealing)	—

## GASOLINE STATION TESTS

Number of call backs	18
Number of gallons drawn	2,700
Total meters at Stations	263
Total meters sealed	257
Complaints investigated	34

## SPOT CHECKS OF COMMODITIES PUT UP FOR SALE

Commodity	No. Tested	Found Correct	Incorrect	
			Under	Over
Bread	220	160	21	39
Butter	180	132	26	22
Confectionary	285	211	32	42
Dry Commodities	—	—	—	—
Fruits and Vegetables	735	573	72	90
Cheese and Dairy & Misc.	320	224	42	54
Meat	3,120	2,301	368	451
Potatoes	130	74	19	37
TOTALS	4,990	3,635	580	735

by Edwin L. Mallard  
Sealer of Weights and Measures

## **THE RECREATION COMMISSION 1974**

**ROBERT E. COLT, Chairman**  
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**Secretary To The Commission: PAUL L. SULLIVAN**

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOMERVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR 1974**

December 31, 1974

To The Honorable,  
The Mayor,  
And The Board of Aldermen:

There has been a noticeable trend in Recreation which has become more and more evident during the past two years. Basically, it involves a change in people's recreational attitudes, from passive to active forms of self-enjoyment. The reasons for this change are many, and the demands on Municipal Recreation departments have increased.

This report represents only highlights of the past year, its ups and its downs. A more detailed account of every special event and program which transpired this year would be an impossibility, and would more than triple the size of what already seems to be a lengthy report. But, it is hoped that the various reports in the following pages will be of interest to the readers, and give an insight to the workings of Somerville's Recreation Commission.

The Recreation Commission makes extensive use of available school facilities for athletic programs for boys and girls from September to April (with mid-season break in December)—and has for more than twenty-five years. And, with the addition of the two new gymnasiums at the East Somerville and Powder House Community Schools, the Commission has expanded its programs to include not only more teams in the Basketball League but also new gymnasium programs for men and women.

Other uses of facilities include gyms used for the Recreation Basketball League for Men, the Intermediate Basketball League for Jr. High School boys, and the Leagues for Boys in operation at the East Somerville, Powder House, and Healey gymnasiums. We also have to “work around” the various league practice schedules of the schools themselves to avoid conflicts with our own plans for use of the gyms.

### **Handcraft Programs**

On April 6, 1974, the Recreation Commission, working in cooperation with the Somerville School Department, held the First Annual Crafts And Art Fair, making use of the beautiful facilities at the Powder House Community School. More than 1,500 people visited the Fair throughout the day, viewing the exhibits, demonstrations, and slide shows.

Weekly Arts & Crafts programs for children of ages 7-12 are conducted at three elementary schools by the Recreation Commission from October to April. Each location has shown steady growth in participation, and provides the youngsters a weekly session of enjoyment and instruction in making various planned projects.

Another program which has retained the interest and enthusiasm of its participants is the Commission's popular Ceramics Program for Adults. At the present time, there is a lengthy Waiting List of people who are anxious to become participants in the Ceramics Program, since all classes are operating at their maximum capacity.

### **Drama Programs**

For Somerville citizens with Thespian interests, 1974 was a very active year, with opportunities for creative expressions for those of all ages.



Our three Children's Theatre programs, which meet twice weekly at the Cummings, East Somerville Community, and Powder House Community Schools have shown remarkable increases in attendance and activity in the past year. The children's group each put on two performances per year, one with a Christmas theme in December, and one of their own selection in the Spring.

Another dimension to the Recreation Commission's theatrical offerings is a group called the "Somerville Players", which came under the sponsorship of the Commission in 1973. The group consists of young people and adults who share a common interest in the performing arts, and are governed by an elected Board of Directors.

### **Summer Playgrounds**

During the months of July and August, thirty-three playground units throughout the city were constant "beehives" of activity. Too many pages would be required to report on the day-to-day programs, since each unit conducts a special event at each session of play. However, a brief summary of some of the major events will be given in this section.

The Fifty-Third Annual Inter-Playground Track Meet was held on Tuesday evening, August 13, at a new location this year. Because of the unavailability of Trum Field, arrangements were made to conduct the event at Dilboy Stadium.

As in any undertaking as large as the Summer Playgrounds season, involving thirty-three play areas in a densely-populated city and thousands of children, five days a week for an eight-week period, the potential for accidental injuries is present in a very real sense. Safety is a primary concern of Recreation administration. It is stressed to the play leaders in their training and it is called to the attention of the children by programs such as "Bicycle Safety Week" and others. It is amazing to note that, considering the potentials, only eighteen accidents to playground participants were reported to the Superintendent, and of the eighteen, only ten required hospital attention. We feel this demonstrates that the Sum-



mer Playgrounds Program provides a safe way for the children of Somerville to enjoy their long school vacation.

The Recreation Commission's Girls' Basketball League enjoyed its second successful Summer season with six teams competing two nights a week. The Shamrock team took top honors with an undefeated season.

In response to several requests from young women with the idea that "diamonds" are used for more than jewelry, a Softball League was formed for girls and women and was met with instant enthusiasm. Once again, the scarcity of playing fields presented a problem.

### **Softball Leagues For Men**

Interest in Softball has always been at a "fever pitch" in Somerville, but 1974 brought even further demands and problems to the Recreation Commission's Municipal Softball Leagues.

In an effort to accommodate as many of the fifty teams which applied for admission to the Leagues as possible, the number placed in competition was increased from twenty-four in 1973 to thirty this past Summer. To do this, a fourth division of six teams was created. The schedules took a bit longer to complete, but interest remained high throughout the season, as many upsets occurred during the final play-off series. Piro's Pipers captured the City Championship in the League, and finished second place in the Metropolitan Boston Slow-Pitch Tournament, going on to the New England Tournament. It was a very good year indeed for the Pipers.

Although there are some people in the city who have said that interest in Basketball is declining, there is no evidence of that in the response received each time one of our leagues is organized. The number of applications for new teams increases every season, and the number of teams accepted into the leagues has increased as well.

The Indoor Recreation Basketball League for Men started its 1974-75 season in November with four divisions of six teams each, and will continue league play until March.

For Junior and Senior High School age boys, the Intermediate Basketball League is conducted on Saturday afternoons at the High School Gymnasium, in addition to three separate leagues for pre-teens in East, Central, and Western locations throughout the city.

### **Senior Citizens Program**

One of the largest and most active programs sponsored by the Recreation Commission is the Somerville Senior Citizens Club. In fact, the Club is one of the largest of its kind in the state. Three separate groups with a combined membership of more than 900 members conduct their meetings on either a Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday afternoon each week at the James A. Logan Post, V.F.W. in Teele Square, Somerville.

Two additions were made to the list of programs sponsored by the Recreation Commission this past Fall, with the creation of two Flag Football Leagues.

The Mystic Flag Football League for boys of ages 8-12 in the Mystic Avenue Housing Project was organized early in September by James Callahan, full-time Leader of Athletics. More than 70 boys became actively involved in the competition, and the League also had 14 to 18 older boys assigned to coaching duties which broadened their interests and responsibilities.

A Men's League was started in the Fall by Tony Sullivan, the Assistant Superintendent, following a series of organizational meetings to iron out details of the league. The men played their schedule at Dilboy Field on Sunday mornings and attracted much spectator interest, along with a growing number of teams looking for a chance to play in the league next season.

Continuing the practice of the last few years, the Recreation Commission conducted programs for Somerville's Special Needs Children.

Saturday Morning Programs were conducted for eight-week seasons in the Spring and Fall at the Conwell School and play area.

The Recreation Commission also participated with the Cambridge Recreation Department in conducting a Summer Program for Pre-School Retarded and Handicapped Children.

### **Acknowledgments**

The Recreation Commission has been very fortunate in obtaining assistance and co-operation from a great many sources.

Special recognition and appreciation for the many acts of co-operation by the JAMES A. LOGAN POST, V.F.W. is expressed here.

Appended to this Report is the Financial Summary of the Recreation Commission for 1974, and enclosed is a brochure of Activities Under The Commission.

Respectfully submitted by  
The Recreation Commission, by  
Paul L. Sullivan  
Superintendent

### **FINANCIAL SUMMARY, 1974**

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (18 Months—Jan. 1, 1973—June 30, 1974) . . . . .	\$311,879.08
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (April 18) . . . . .	<u>583.87</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS . . . . .	\$312,462.95

## EXPENDITURES (January 1, 1973—June 30, 1974):

Salaries and Wages.....	\$268,308.18
Office Supplies.....	1,908.00
Printing & Stationery.....	866.60
Postage & Express.....	723.44
Dues & Memberships .....	65.00
Photography .....	1,239.85
Telephone Service.....	2,276.71
Professional Services.....	1,697.82
Refreshments, Etc.....	211.07
Books & Text Books.....	75.90
Automobile Allowance.....	1,862.50
Convention Expenses.....	0.00
Rentals (Buses, Etc.).....	278.00
Gasoline, Oil, Etc.....	515.51
Athletic Supplies.....	6,901.30
Recreational Supplies & Services.....	5,874.53
Hardware & Paint.....	3,755.97
Lumber & Wood Products.....	1,706.85
Playground Supplies.....	2,358.21
Repairs & Maintenance (Automotive).....	727.82
Repairs & Maintenance (Tools & Equipment).....	328.32
Repairs & Maintenance (Office Equipment).....	96.22
Insurance .....	41.00

## Programs For Retarded Children:

Salaries and Wages.....	\$6,615.50	
Rentals (Buses).....	390.00	
Transportation .....	2,294.08	
Groceries & Provisions.....	382.30	
Recreational Supplies & Services.....	593.00	
	<u>\$10,274.88</u>	\$10,274.88

TOTAL EXPENDITURES .....	\$312,093.68	<u>312,093.68</u>
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UNEXPENDED BALANCE.....	\$	369.27
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